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Subject to Legal Review for Clarity and Consistency

Draft letter to address state issues

Dear [Singapore Official]:

During the course of negotiations of the telecommunications chapter of the U.S.-Singapore FTA, Singapore expressed an interest in ensuring that provisions of the FTA relating to telecommunication regulations address Singapore's interests at both the state and federal level. Although there are several provisions of the agreement whose application is limited to the federal level, as a matter of practice, such provisions are generally also reflected in state-level regulation. Such provisions include the following articles 9.6 (Independent Regulation and Privatization); 9.10 (Enforcement); 9.11 (Resolution of Domestic Telecommunications Disputes); and 9.12 (Transparency).

Singapore inquired specifically about the applicability of these articles to California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Illinois Florida and Texas. I am pleased to confirm that the relevant laws, rules and practices of these states are consistent with these specific articles.

Sincerely,

[USTR Official]